

Washington DC - Congressman Jim Costa (CA-20) has issued the following statement on Representative Richard Pombo's introduction of the "Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2005."

"I appreciate the efforts that Chairman Pombo and my colleagues in the Resources Committee are undertaking to draft legislation to reform the Endangered Species Act.

"While I was in the California Legislature, I led an effort to provide the first meaningful reform as it related to the incidental and accidental taking in agriculture.

"It is my hope that we can work together in a bipartisan fashion to provide meaningful reform that is long overdue at the federal level."